

AMENDMENTS to the SPECIFICATION

Please amend the ABSTRACT to read as follows:

A system method for incorporating emotional information in a communication stream ~~from a first person to a second person, including an electronic image analyzer for determining an emotional component of a speaker or presenter using subsystems such as facial expression recognition, hand gesture recognition, body movement recognition, voice pitch analysis. A symbol generator generates one or more symbols such as emoticons, graphic symbols, or text modifications (bolding, underlining, etc.) corresponding to the emotional aspects of the presenter or speaker. The emotional symbols are merged with the audio or visual information from the speaker, and is presented to one or more recipients.~~ by receiving an emotional state indicator indicating an emotional state of a presenter in a communication session, retrieving a cultural profile for the presenter, retrieving a plurality of cultural profiles corresponding to each of several recipients in the communication session, for each recipient, translating the emotional state indicator into a corresponding emoticon according to a difference between the cultural profile of the presenter and the cultural profile of each recipient, merging the translated emoticon into a copy of the communication session, and presenting communication session and merged translated emoticon to each recipient.